

Quilting is a Way of Life



Ancaster Quilters Guild

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Technology is changing so fast that it is hard to keep up! In my President's message for the October 2020 newsletter, I quoted the president of the Walt Disney Company, who said in his book to "embrace technology instead of fighting it." Thankfully, two of our executive members demonstrated that last fall with the new format of providing a link in the monthly email to our newsletter online. Thank you, Nadia and Corinne, for always looking for ways to improve and streamline our procedures.

Also, think of the improvements to sewing machines. For many of us, we learned to use sewing machines that were only capable of stitching forward and backward. The features on today's sewing machines are too numerous to mention, and who knows how technology will impact future machines? It will definitely challenge even the most experienced sewer or quilter to fully utilize these features, but they open up so many great opportunities for creativity in our projects. Although I should mention that many of today's sewing machines cost more than the first car I purchased!

Remember, our February meeting will be held virtually using Zoom. Login details will be emailed a few days before the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out—we are always happy to help.

Our executive looks forward to seeing members **online** for our **Zoom meeting on February 18th** and then in person at the Placemat Workshop planned for Monday, February 23rd.

Janice Haluszka, President



REMINDERS!!

3rd Wednesday of each month

Marshall Memorial United Church
20 Gilbert Ave, Ancaster

**** ZOOM Meeting ****
(separate email to follow)

This meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Log in earlier at 6:45 p.m if possible

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PROGRAMME February 2026

Hello Guild Members,



This month's Zoom presenter is **Kim Jamieson-Hirst of Chatterbox Quilts** (www.chatterboxquilts.com).

If you're a fan of quilting YouTube channels, you're likely already familiar with Kim. She is a **Janome Canada Artisan**, creating quilting and embroidery projects with plenty of Janome love.

Kim's patterns and articles have been featured in international quilting publications, and she has also appeared on several quilting podcasts. Her presentation will focus on **Faux Trapunto** and how to add texture and interest to your quilts.

We look forward to seeing everyone tuning in for this fantastic presenter!

Eva Butty & Judy Taylor



Caring Cards

Remember to send the name of members to whom a caring card should be sent to Sheila Clark

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- * **Comfort Quilts**: Wendy Dalrymple, Janice Leverton
- * **Pillow cases**: Marlene Reynolds, Mary Crowe
- * **Fidget Quilts**: Janet Shannon, Martha Forbes
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Greeter – Martha Forbes

Caring Cards – Sheila Clark

Fundraising – Debbe Durham, Dianne Busser

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



PLACEMAT WORKSHOP

Please plan to join us for the Placemat Workshop to be held on Monday, February 23rd at Marshall Memorial Church from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

There is no cost to attend this workshop as it is for charity, **with the completed placemats being donated to Ancaster's Community Care for distribution with meals.**

If you have never made placements, we have several kits and patterns available, so you only need to bring your sewing machine, tools/thread and notions. If you have your own patterns and materials you want to work with, do not hesitate to bring them, especially spare batting pieces that we can use.

Bring your own lunch; Tea and coffee will be provided. Hope to see you there.



NEW YORK BEAUTY WORKSHOP

The New York Beauty Class, for March 27th filled up quickly.

For those registered, doors will open at 9:00 am to set up your machines and gear.

Louise Hamilton will run the class from 9:30-3:30pm.

Participants can expect an email 4 or 5 weeks prior to the class, detailing all they need.

It will be fun!

Judy Taylor & Eva Butty



Comfort Quilts

We hope you are making progress on your panel challenge. If anyone needs ideas or perhaps a certain colour to help, give us a shout.

Stay warm and happy quilting!

Thank you,

Wendy Dalrymple & Janice Leverton

Membership - UPDATE

Hi Quilting Friends!

Our zoom meeting last month was attended by **many of you and we're sure you enjoyed it as much as we did!** Once again this month our meeting will be on Zoom. Please sign into our meeting on your devices.

This month's email with the newsletter link will also include a revised membership list with new members added. Please inform us if there are any errors or omissions. **We warmly welcome all new members to our guild.** Stay warm and happy quilting ☐

Donna Hamilton and Debbe Durham



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Then I laughed...and laughed...and laughed!



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- ◆ Name Tag,
- ◆ Bring Your Own Beverage,
- ◆ Indoor shoes
- ◆ Money for Door Prizes
- ◆ Show & Share
- ◆ Note that cell phones should be turned off or to vibrate. If you must answer your phone, please go to the entry hall to do this.
- ◆ Money for 50/50 - **NOTE please try to have toonies and loonies to pay for this.**
- ◆ Blocks and completed tops for Comfort Quilts



NOTE: our meetings are now fragrance & latex free

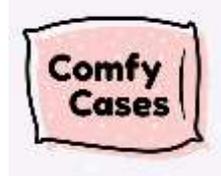
FUNDRAISING REPORT

February 2026

Hello everyone, as we do not have in-person meetings in January and February, there is no significant fundraising update to share at this time. We would, however, like to take a moment to thank you for your continued generosity, involvement, and ongoing support of our **Guild's activities.**

Our fundraising efforts remain ongoing, and we truly appreciate the commitment of our members. We look forward to seeing you in March and resuming some of our events together.

Debbe Durham and Dianne Busser



Hello dear Members;

Since we are not meeting in person this month, feel free to contact one of us if you would like a Comfy Cases kit. We will be happy to arrange delivery.

We look forward to meeting in person again at our March meeting. Until then, enjoy your quilting.

See you at the Zoom meeting.

Marlene and Mary

BLOCK OF THE MONTH



We hope everyone is staying warm and quilting up a storm! The next 2 blocks for our BOM project will be sent out before our zoom meeting on the 18th. We hope you have enjoyed the first 6 blocks, and have had a chance to check out the [Fabric 406](#) website/blog! Elaine has a wide variety of patterns available for free!

Happy quilting!

Beth Edwards and Janet Randall



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Teacher: Cindy
 Price: \$50
 Dates: Tuesday February 3, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Beginner Machine Quilting 101

Learn the basics of machine quilting including: top, middle and bottom layers. This is a class for those who are new to machine quilting. It is a great starting point for those who want to get into machine quilting.

Teacher: Cindy
 Price: \$25
 Dates: Tuesday February 3, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Binding Class 101

Learn the basics of binding a quilt. This is a class for those who are new to binding a quilt. It is a great starting point for those who want to get into binding a quilt. You will also learn other binding methods, as well as how to choose fabric, and how to match the pattern of your quilt to the binding fabric.



Teacher: Cindy
 Price: \$25
 Dates: Friday February 22, 10:00am - 12:00pm

New Space, New Classes

Kindred Spirits is excited to fill our brand new classroom with both returning favourites as well as some exciting new offerings. We are pleased to offer a variety of project and technique classes for quilters, machine embroiderers and garment makers. There is sure to be something for everyone!

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We look forward to giving out kits in March

Thank you

Janet Shannon & Martha Forbes



SOCIAL



As we are meeting on Zoom this month, we won't be putting in any requests to you until March. See you on Zoom.

Mary Crowe,



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Exciting News at Hamilton Sewing! Please join us in welcoming John Stam, retired from Brampton Sew N Surge, to our team! John brings over 40 years of experience in the sewing machine industry and is our newest technical expert here at Hamilton Sewing. Whether it's repairs, tune-ups, or expert advice, John's knowledge and skill are second to none. We're thrilled to have him on board and know our customers will be too! John and I will be working as a team and be more efficient with faster turn around times



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Pop Tabs

Keep saving those pop tabs. Bring them to the monthly meetings. There will be a container at the Membership Desk for you to put them in.

Placemats & Mug Rugs

Please continue to make placemats and mug rugs and bring them to our meetings.

Remember to use those orphan blocks to make placemats to donate also.


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Show and Share

At our January Zoom meeting, a number of beautiful quilted items were displayed by our very talented member, **Rose Petersen**. Thank you for taking the time to show us your beautiful creativity and craftsmanship. It was very inspiring to the members. Keep up the great work and we hope to see more at future meetings.



Rose was the lucky winner of several baskets in our guild and the Hamilton Guild and created these lovely quilted items from the baskets and shared her beautiful needle-work and talent!



A PIE CHART OF MY LIFE



My quilt room is a time machine.

I go in for 5 minutes and come out 3 days later with a finished quilt.

